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BELGRADE ALSO FOR CSCE DELEGATION

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SUBJECT: DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY EVALUATES BELGRADE CON-  
FERENCE

1. SUMMARY. IN AN END-OF-THE-YEAR REVIEW IN THE HUNGARIAN  
PRESS, HUNGARIAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JANOS  
NAGY CONCLUDES THAT ON BALANCE FOUNDATIONS OF EUROPEAN  
PEACE AND SECURITY LAID IN HELSINKI BECAME FIRMER IN 1977.  
IN THIS REGARD HE CLAIMS THAT THE OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE OF  
CSCE CONFERENCE AND PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI  
FINAL ACT HAVE BECOME MORE EVIDENT. NAGY AND HEAD OF HUN-  
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GARIAN DELEGATION AT BELGRADE, JANOS PETRAN, BOTH ACKNOW-  
LEDGE PROPRIETY OF EXAMINING HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. PETRAN  
AFFIRMS THERE ARE WIDE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION  
IN CONNECTION WITH BASKET III. PETRAN ALSO SEEMS NOT  
TO EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT BELGRADE CONFERENCE WILL  
BE UNABLE FINISH ITS WORK BY MID-FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY.

2. WRITING IN NEPSZABADSAG ON CHRISTMAS DAY, JANOS NAGY SAYS IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUES TO MAKE SOME POSITIVE JUDGEMENTS ABOUT WORK OF CONFERENCE SO FAR.

3. FIRST, HE STATES AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE STOOD THE TEST. HE POINTS OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK MUST BE DONE AT BELGRADE AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES MUST BE ESCHEWED. CSCE IS INSEPARABLE FROM COURSE OF DETENTE. DESPITE NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ELEMENTS, ON BALANCE, CSCE HAS SO FAR IMPROVED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN EUROPE, NAGY WRITES.

4. NAGY CONTINUES NOTING HUNGARY'S POSITIVE POSITION ON IMPLEMENTATION. THEN JUST PRIOR TO ASSERTING THAT SOCIALIST SYSTEM FULFILLS BEST THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, NAGY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT "NOBODY CAN TAKE OBJECTION, FOR INSTANCE, TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES EXAMINING THE QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN CONTACTS. THE LOFTY CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWEVER, MUST NOT BE USED FOR UNWARRANTED SLANDERS AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES," NAGY ADDS.

5. ACCORDING TO NAGY, NEUTRALS, SEVERAL NATO STATES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVEN SOME STRATA AMONG U.S. AND WEST EUROPEAN RULING CIRCLES HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT FRUITLESS CONFRONTATION AT BELGRADE CAN BE HARMFUL.

6. NAGY STATES SOME MAY BE SURPRISED AT NUMBER OF PROPOSALS(90) MADE AT BELGRADE CONFERENCE EVEN THOUGH CONFERENCE IS NOT TRYING TO SHAPE A NEW FINAL ACT. HE CONTINUES IT IS BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT FINAL ACT CANNOT BE ALTERED OR ADDED TO BUT NOTES MAJORITY OF PROPOSALS ARE AIMED AT SPEEDING UP ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND EXTENDING DETENTE AND COOPERATION. IT IS THESE PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY THE ONES AIMED AT PREVENTING WAR AND CURBING THE ARMAMENTS RACE THAT ARE IN THE CENTER OF INTEREST AT BELGRADE, NAGY CLAIMS.

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7. AFTER OBLIGATORY POSITIVE REFERENCES TO BREZHNEV  
DISARMAMAMENT PROPOSALS IN LATTER'S OCT 21 SPEECH AND  
SOVIET DISARMAMAMENT-RELATED PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE,  
NAGY ENDS HIS ARTICLE BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THERE  
WILL BE NO ATTEMPTS TO DISTURB THE DRAFTING OF FINAL  
BELGRADE CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE BY REINTRODUCING  
DEBATES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. IN BELGRADE, HE  
SAYS, EVENTS PROVE AGAIN AND AGAIN THE STRENGTH AND  
IRREVOCABLE RESULTS OF DETENTE. EFFORTS AIMED AT  
IMPROVING THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN EUROPE AND THE  
DEPENDING OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION PREVAIL. PRO-  
GRESS IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN  
SALT, HAS HAD A BENEFICIAL EFFECT. HE TRUSTS THAT  
DETENTE WILL CONTINUE AND THAT BELGRADE WILL BE AN  
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IMPORTANT MILESTONE ON THE ROAD TO DETERMINED IN  
HELSINKI.

8. IN INTERVIEW REPORTED ON CHRISTMAS IN GOVERNMENT  
PAPER MAGYAR HIRLAP, AMBASSADOR JANOS PETRAN, HEAD OF  
HUNGARIAN DELEGATION TO BELGRADE, COVERS MUCH THE  
SAME GROUND AS NAGY DOES. ON HUMAN RIGHTS HE SAYS,

"WE SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ALSO IN THE FIELD OF THE ASSERTION AND THE EXPANSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS," ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CANNOT BE A PRETEXT FOR INTERVENTION. PETRAN CONTINUES: "THERE ARE IN FACT WIDE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASING COOPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUESTIONS OF THE THIRD BASKET AS WELL (AS WITH OTHER BASKETS)."

9. PETRAN WAS ASKED WHEN WILL BELGRADE FINAL DOCUMENT BE READY? HE REPLIED: "THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP TO TIMETABLE LAID DOWN IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THIS IS WHAT WE WISH AND WE TRUST THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL MAKE EFFORTS TO BRING THE MEETING TO A CONSTRUCTIVE CONCLUSION."

10. COMMENT: IT IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING THAT NAGY WOULD SO CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGE IN PRINT WESTERN RIGHT TO EXAMINE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN CONTACTS. NAGY'S POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE SO FAR MUST BE TAKEN AS CURRENT AUTHORITATIVE AND OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN VIEW.  
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